IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the retyped text submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 144.

Please add the following new claims:

- - 9. (New) A method of treating hepatocellular carcinoma comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising thalidomide and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. - -

- - 10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the effective amount is 30 to 1200 mg. - -

- - 11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the effective amount is 50 to 800 mg. - -

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 12, 2002 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 5-8 have been withdrawn.

Claims1-4 were rejected. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Claims 9-11 have been added.

Support for the new claims can be found in general throughout the specification. More